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## **AMENDMENT TO CLAIMS**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

## **Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1(currently amended): A soap holder comprising:

- a. a cap structure having
  - i. a flat rigid base having openings therein, and
  - ii. sides extending substantially perpendicular from said base;
- b. said sides being thin and rigid so as to be easily pressed into a bar of soap for retaining and supporting the soap thereon; and
- c. said base having a lip extending substantially perpendicular therefrom in the opposite direction from said sides.

Claim 2 (original): The soap holder of claim 1, wherein:

a. said base has a uniform geometric shape.

Claim 3 (original): The soap holder of claim 1, wherein:

a. said base has a circular shape, oval shape, square shape or a rectangular shape.

Claim 4 (original): The soap holder of claim 1, wherein:

a. said base and said sides are comprised of stainless steel, aluminum, ceramic, glass, plastic,
or porcelain.

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Claim 5 (original): The soap holder of claim 1, wherein:

a. said base and sides are of a single formed piece.

Claim 6 (original): The soap holder of claim 1, wherein:

a. teeth are formed in said sides extending substantially perpendicular from said base.

Claim 7 (original): The soap holder of claim 1, wherein:

a. teeth are formed in said sides extending initially perpendicular from said base then tapering outwards therefrom.

Claim 8 (original): The soap holder of claim 6, wherein:

a. said teeth are rounded or pointed.

Claim 9 (original): The soap holder of claim 7, wherein:

a. said teeth are rounded or pointed.

Claim 10 (cancelled)

Claim 1! (amended): The soap holder of claim [[10]] 11, wherein:

a. said lip has indentions therein facilitating drainage therethrough.

Claim 12 (amended): A soap holder comprising:

a. a cap structure having

- i. a flat rigid base having openings therein and a uniform geometric shape, and
- ii. sides extending substantially perpendicular from said base;

b. said sides being thin and rigid so as to be easily pressed into a bar of soap for retaining and supporting the soap thereon; and

c, said base having a lip extending substantially perpendicular therefrom in the opposite direction from said sides.

Appl. No. Amdt. dated Reply to Office action of Claim 13 (original): The soap holder of claim 12, wherein:

- a. said base has a circular, oval shape, square shape or rectangular shape.
- Claim 14 (original): The soap holder of claim 12, wherein:
  - a. teeth are formed in said sides extending substantially perpendicular from said base.

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- Claim 15 (original): The soap holder of claim 14, wherein:
  - a. said teeth are formed in said sides extending initially perpendicular from said base then tapering outwards therefrom.

Claim 16 (cancelled):

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- Claim 17 (amended): The soap holder of claim [[16]] 12, wherein:
  - a, said lip has indentions therein facilitating drainage therethrough.
- Claim 18 (original): The soap holder of claim 12, wherein:
  - a. said uniform geometric shape is taken from the group consisting of a circular shape and a rectangular shape.
- Claim 19 (original): The soap holder of claim 12, wherein:
  - a. said base and said sides are comprised of stainless steel, aluminum, ceramic, glass, plastic, or porcelain.
- Claim 20 (original): The soap holder of claim 12, wherein:
  - a. said base and sides are of a single formed piece.